

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : HEATER, REFLOW APPARATUS, AND SOLDER BUMP FORMING  
METHOD AND APPARATUS

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed October 13, 2009. Inasmuch as the three-month shortened statutory period is originally set in the Office Action to expire on January 13, 2010, this paper is timely filed. However, if the Office deems an Extension of Time necessary, the same is hereby requested, and the undersigned authorizes the Office to charge any requisite fee due for consideration of this Response to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks which follow:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.